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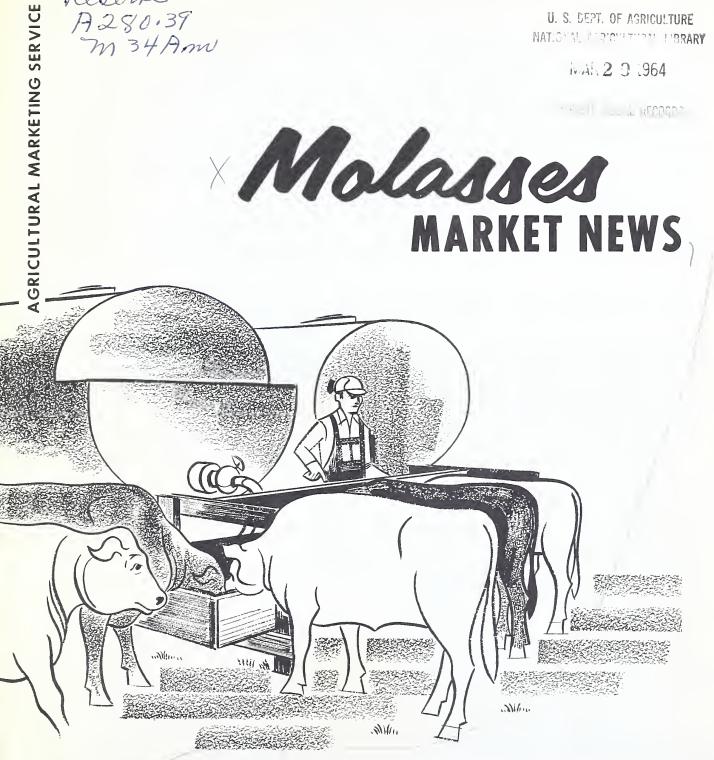
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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1963

Feed and industrial molasses prices averaged higher in 1963 than in 1962. A downturn late in the year, however, dropped the closing level of cane molasses prices at many major terminals below the year's opening level. The relationship between molasses and corn prices favored corn again in 1963. Supplies of molasses available for feed and industrial use totaled 636 million gallons—the third largest supply on record. Domestic molasses production reached an alltime high of 290 million gallons and exceeded imports for the first time on record. Imports of molasses into the United States—although 2 percent larger than in 1962—continued well below average. U. S. molasses exports increased sharply but remained relatively small. Molasses used in the production of yeast, citric acid, vinegar, pharmaceuticals, and edible molasses was much greater than in 1962. Distillation usage, however, continued to decline. The quantity of molasses available for livestock feed was about 35 million gallons larger than a year earlier.

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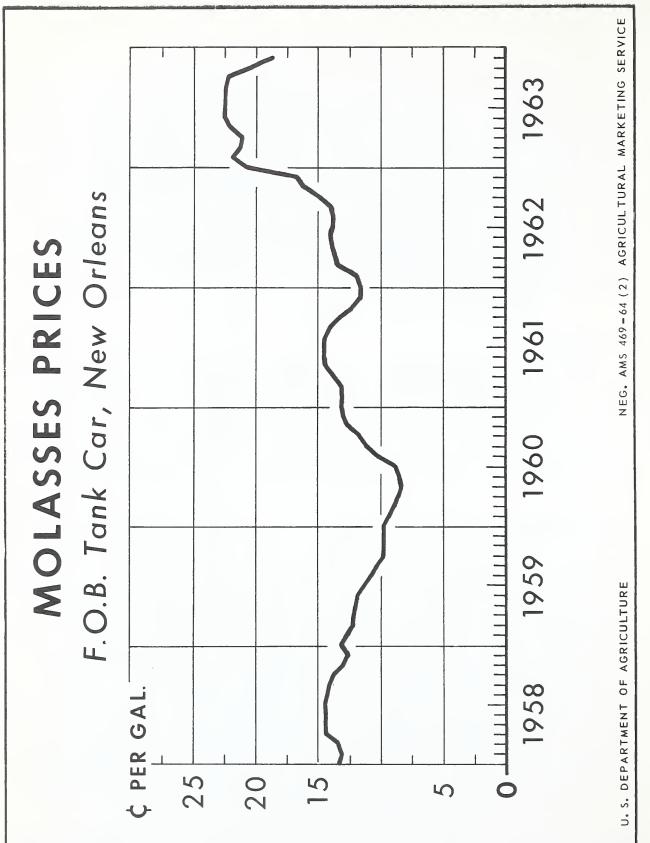
Cane Molasses

Supplies of cane molasses were tight, and prices advanced sharply during January and the first half of February 1963. The shortage of beet molasses in Europe created strong competition in other parts of the world for molasses normally destined for the United States. Prices weakened the last half of February, however, when the molasses-corn relationship strongly favored corn and some distributors lowered molasses prices in an effort to stimulate sales. Demand for molasses improved at the lower price levels. This, together with tight holding policy kept prices relatively stable during March and April.

Cane molasses prices turned upward in May and June, largely as a result of higher replacement costs. Demand slowed, as feed trade consumption dropped off with the availability of spring pastures. Prices held generally steady during the summer and early fall. Ample supplies of grass and feed grains held molasses usage at seasonally low levels throughout most of the country. Although the supply was still tightly held, there was enough molasses on hand in most areas to satisfy trade needs. Demand, particularly from cattle feeders and feed manufacturers in critically dry sections of the country, improved slightly in September.

While some inquiries and contracts for new-crop molasses were reported in Florida and Louisiana late in July, it was not until early October that nearness of the new crop had any weakening influence on prices. Even then, weakness was tempered by reports of storm damage to cane crops in Haiti and Cuba. Prices started dropping about the middle of October when new-crop cane grinding got underway in Louisiana. Unseasonally warm weather and lagging sales of all mixed feeds further slowed demand for molasses and created downward pressure on prices, especially in the Gulf area and at most Mississippi River terminals.

The lower price trend spread to all other markets early in November when new-crop molasses production got underway in Florida. At the same time, output



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FIGURE 1

was heavy in Louisiana, and producers had difficulty finding adequate storage and transportation facilities. Arrangements for additional storage facilities about the middle of November had a stabilizing influence. However, this was not sufficient to overcome the weakening influence of slow demand from the feed trade. Molasses production remained heavy the final month of the year, but feed trade usage was only slightly improved by the advent of colder weather. Consequently, prices continued downward through December.

The average price of cane molasses at New Orleans in 1963 was 7.4 cents per gallon higher than in 1962. It also was the highest annual average price at that market for any year since 1951. Cane molasses prices at the other 26 principal terminal markets throughout the country--reflecting the trend at New Orleans--averaged nearly 7 cents per gallon higher than in 1962. Annual average prices at most of these markets stood at the highest points in 6 or more years.

Although annual average prices of cane molasses were higher in 1963, December's average prices were 1-1 1/4 cents per gallon below January's average prices in the Gulf area, about 3/4 cent lower on the East Coast, 3/4-1 1/4 cents lower in the Northeast, and around 1-1 3/4 cents lower at most midwest terminals. However, December average prices were 1/4-1 cent above January 1963 in the Southeast and about 2-2 2/3 cents higher in the West.

Beet Molasses

Prices of beet molasses in the three principal market areas also advanced sharply in 1963 despite the largest supplies on record. Beet molasses sold steady the first 3 months of the year in the Denver area, but turned upward the next 5 months—advancing \$7.00 per ton from April through August—before once again resuming a steady trend which held through December.

In contrast, beet molasses held steady from January through July in the Colorado-Wyoming-Montana and Oregon-Utah-Idaho-Missoula, Montana areas. This reflects the general practice in these areas of selling most beet molasses on seasonal or yearly contracts. Also, the cost of transporting cane molasses into these areas provides a competitive advantage to beet molasses. Prices advanced \$8.00 per ton in the Colorado-Wyoming-Montana area during August to November, and held steady in December. The Oregon-Utah-Idaho-Missoula, Montana area registered a \$5.00 per ton advance from August to October, and then held steady the final 2 months of 1963.

Citrus Molasses

Prices of citrus molasses advanced steadily from January through November 1963-gaining \$8.75 per ton. A sharp drop in production due to last winter's freeze was the main supporting factor. Prices weakened slightly in December, however, as new-crop production got underway.

Corn (Hydrol) Molasses

Prices of corn molasses generally followed the trend of cane and other feeding molasses. While prices averaged sharply higher for 1963, the relatively high prices resulted in less corn molasses being used by the feed trade and more being used for manufacturing purposes. Prices turned upward the first quarter of 1963, weakened slightly in April and May, and then resumed an upward trend through October. Despite a price decline during the final 2 months of 1963, December average prices were around \$6.50 per ton above December 1962.

Table 1.--Molasses, blackstrap: Prices by months, f.o.b. tank car, 1959-63

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	AV.	11.34 10.13 13.56 14.11 21.53	11.54 10.73 13.85 14.49 22.34	12.34 11.22 14.29 14.85 22.42	15.72 12.76 14.75 15.32 21.40	16.01 18.27 18.84 24.91
	Dec :	9.88 13.00 12.13 16.83	10.50 13.15 12.95 16.67 19.38	11.25 13.50 13.50 16.87 19.38	14.56 14.33 13.70 17.20 21.05	17.84 17.22 20.80 24.60
	Nov.	9.88 12.62 12.44 16.19 20.25	10.50 12.80 13.34 16.44 21.00	11.25 13.20 13.92 16.70 21.12	15.50 13.94 14.30 16.70 22.20	17.49 17.80 20.20 25.70
	Uct.	9.88 11.75 13.28 14.90 22.22	10.50 12.30 13.73 15.65 23.05	11.19 12.50 14.30 15.90 23.10	15.50 13.20 14.42 15.98 23.10	16.74 17.92 19.48 26.60
	Sept.:	10.15 11.12 14.06 14.00 22.50	10.96 11.53 14.13 14.35 23.50	11.30 12.25 14.65 14.70 23.50	15.50 12.90 14.90 15.50 23.10	16.66 18.40 19.00 26.60
	Aug.	10.84 10.23 14.44 13.88	11.60 10.87 14.50 14.35 23.50	11.94 10.90 14.75 14.70 23.50	15.62 11.69 14.90 15.50 23.10	16.25 18.42 19.00 26.60
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-	Apr.	12.18 8.60 13.75 13.69 21.29	12.00 10.06 14.01 14.10 22.00	12.80 10.19 14.19 14.50 22.20	16.00 11.69 14.90 20.44	15.20 18.42 18.40 23.90
	Mar.	12.19 9.00 13.06 13.38 21.43	12.04 10.06 13.35 13.68 22.00	12.87 10.10 14.00 14.18 22.20	16.00 12.28 14.90 14.45	15.20 18.42 17.95 23.10
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	Jan.	13.09 9.88 13.10 12.13	12.10 9.49 13.32 12.75 20.60	13.81 11.62 13.90 13.25 20.82	16.00 14.03 14.78 13.70	15.50 16 18.30 18 17.20 17 21.94 22 is: tank
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Table 1 - (Continued). -- Molasses, blackstrap: Prices by months, f.o.b. tank car, 1959-63

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Dec. :	15.25 14.25 15.75 16.00 20.13	16.50 14.75 16.00 16.83 20.63	16.50 14.75 16.00 16.33 20.63	20.40 17.40 19.10 19.48 22.88	19.10 20.50 25.60
Nov.:	15.25 13.90 15.75 15.87 21.25	16.50 14.40 16.00 16.31 22.00	16.50 14.40 16.00 16.31 22.00	20.40 16.80 19.10 19.31 24.46	19.10 19.80 27.35
0ct.	15.62 13.50 15.75 15.75 23.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	19.60 19.10 28.10
Sept	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75 23.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	19.60 19.10 28.10
Aug.	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75 23.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	19.10
July :	13.50 13.50 15.75 15.75 22.80	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	19.10
June :	New York 16.00 1 13.50 1 15.75 1 15.75 1 22.75 2	Boston 16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	Albany 16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 24.00	Buffalo 20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	Toledo - 19.10 28.10
May:	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75	16.50 14.00 16.25 16.00 23.81	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 23.81	20.40 16.40 19.10 19.10 26.30	19.10
Apr. :	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75 22.00	16.50 14.00 16.25 16.00 22.50	16.50 14.00 16.00 16.00 22.50	20.40 16.78 19.10 19.10 24.90	19.10 26.74
Mar.	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75 22.00	16.50 14.00 16.25 16.00 22.50	16.50 14.00 16.12 16.00 22.50	20.40 17.90 19.10 19.10 25.09	19.10
Feb.	16.00 13.50 15.75 15.75 22.13	16.50 14.00 16.25 16.00 22.63	16.50 14.00 16.25 16.00 22.63	20.40 17.90 19.10 19.10 25.24	19.10 26.64
Jan.	16.00 14.81 15.50 15.75 20.80	16.50 15.88 16.05 16.00 21.35	16.50 15.88 16.05 16.00 21.35	20.40 19.78 18.98 19.10 24.03	19.10
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 \perp Price basis: February-March 1960 - barge and rail; May and June 1960 - average tank truck and tank car; July 1960-December 1963 - tank truck.

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15.50 18.30 18.05 21.82 25.35	17.50 18.70 19.45 21.75	14.78 16.60 16.51 20.62 25.89	14.20 16.80 16.63 20.12 25.25	15.70 18.40 18.23 21.97 26.05
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15.82 16.70 19.77 19.70 26.40	17.32 17.48 20.50 19.90 28.90	15.14 14.69 17.62 17.88 26.75	14.30 15.03 18.30 18.00 26.67	15.96 16.70 19.78 19.58
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Av.	19.42 19.85 27.95	15.14 13.82 17.14 17.74 25.29	20.23 18.11 20.68 21.79 27.58	12.43 12.28 14.73 15.34 21.40	12.43 12. 2 8 14.76 15.34 21.40
Dec.:	19.00 23.10 26.97	13.80 16.75 15.90 20.67 22.90	18.40 19.50 20.20 23.75 26.90	11.70 14.30 13.70 17.20 21.05	11.70 14.30 13.80 17.20 21.05
Nov.	19.15 21.90 27.98	13.80 16.40 16.10 19.75 24.70	18.50 18.46 20.50 23.10 28.15	11.70 13.94 14.30 16.70 22.20	11.70 13.94 14.30 16.70 22.20
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Sept.:	20.20	13.88 14.78 17.66 17.50 26.00	19.04 19.13 21.10 21.90 29.50	11.70 12.90 14.90 15.50 23.10	11.70 12.90 14.90 15.50 23.10
Aug.:	19.59 19.30 28.70	14.65 13.76 17.77 17.50 26.00	18.95 19.20 21.10 21.90 29.50	12.38 12.48 14.90 15.50	12.38 12.48 14.90 15.50 23.10
July :	19.59 19.30 28.70	15.03 12.61 17.94 17.50 26.00	20.35 17.30 21.10 21.90 28.90	les 12.60 11.55 14.90 15.50	12.60 11.55 14.90 15.50 22.68
June :	Omeha 19.59 19.30 28.70	Memphis 15.58 12.15 18.05 17.65 26.00	Denver 20.62 17.30 21.25 21.90 28.00	Los Ange 12.60 11.40 15.05 15.50	Richmon 12.60 11.40 15.20 15.50 22.05
May: .	19.59 19.30 28.40	15.70 12.08 17.90 17.58 25.88	20.93 17.31 20.96 21.60 27.60	12.60 11.40 15.08 15.26 21.48	12.60 11.40 15.25 15.26 21.48
Apr.:	19.37 19.30 28.10	16.06 12.43 17.28 17.35 25.20	21.12 17.38 20.75 21.30 26.56	12.90 11.40 14.90 14.90 20.44	12.90 11.40 14.90 14.90
Mar.:	19.00 19.30 28.05	16.05 12.72 16.70 17.01 25.33	21.30 17.40 20.61 21.07 25.55	12.90 11.40 14.90 14.45 19.60	12.90 11.40 14.90 14.45
Feb.	19.00 19.15 27.00	16.53 13.02 16.70 16.22 25.65	21.65 17.80 20.10 20.54 26.00	12.90 11.70 14.90 13.85	12.90 11.70 14.90 13.85 19.60
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1962 13.70	1962 13.70
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1/ Price basis: Beginning April 1963 - tank car and tank truck.

Table 2.--Molasses, beet: Prices by months, f.o.b. tank car, 1959-63

Av.		29.29	27.93 28.40 36.09		31.68 28.78	29.17		31.00	31.63	34.62		29.81 27.05 30.72	31.66
Dec.:		27.37	28.00 31.33 39.00		30.50	39.00		31.00	33.00	38.00		28.00	1 1
Nov.		27.50	28.00 29.50 39.00		28.50	29.00		31.00	33.00	38.00		28.00 29.00 31.00	1 1
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June :	ars per	Denver 30.00 25.00	28.00 28.00 35.50	and Montana	32.00	29.00		31.00	33.00	33.00	Winneapolis	30.50	32.00
May:	Dollars	30.00	28.00 28.00 34.75	Wyoming a	32.00	29.00	h, Idaho	31.00	33.00	33.00	ΣI	30.50	34.00
Apr.		30.00	28.00 28.00 34.00		32.00	29.00	on, Utah,	31.00	33.00	33.00		98.88	34.00
Mar.		0 10	28.00 28.00 32.00	Colorado,	29.30	29.00	Oregon,	31.00	31.00	33.00		31.13	31.27
Feb.		30.00	28.16 28.00 32.00		32.00				31.00	33.00		31.63).
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1/ Price basis: tank truck and tank car.
2/ Price basis: April 9 through August 14 - tank truck.

Prices by months, f.o.b. tank car, 1959-63 Table 3.--Molasses, citrus and corn (hydrol):

	19.72 17.65 20.12 18.83 26.83		21.01 18.49 24.85 25.32 35.98		21.93 20.16 28.69 28.45 39.07
	16.50 20.00 20.00 18.33 29.37		18.25 21.88 24.25 29.00 35.69		19.50 25.25 28.00 31.83 38.37
	16.00 19.00 20.00 18.00		18.25 20.35 24.75 27.25 37.63		19.68 22.60 28.38 30.25 39.75
	16.87 19.00 20.00 19.00		18.75 19.56 25.30 25.85 38.60		20.31 21.37 29.40 28.50 40.50
	18.40 19.00 20.00 17.50 28.50		19.45 18.88 26.50 24.75 37.87		21.00 19.75 31.00 27.50 40.50
	20.38 17.80 20.50 17.50 28.50		21.46 17.10 27.00 24.63 37.50		22.50 18.60 31.00 27.50 40.50
per con	21.00 17.50 20.50 18.90 28.25	οl	21.69 16.50 26.88 24.50 35.20	City	22.63 18.00 31.00 28.10 39.50
	21.25 17.00 20.50 19.13 28.13	Chicago	21.90 16.50 25.44 24.75 34.75	Kansas C.	23.00 18.00 29.75 28.50 38.25
bollars Florida	21.25 16.50 20.10 18.90 27.81		22.25 16.60 24.65 25.00 34.25	<u>K</u>	22.97 18.45 29.15 28.50 38.00
	21.25 16.50 19.62 19.38 25.20		22.45 17.56 24.00 25.00 35.10		22.80 19.31 27.31 28.25 38.70
	21.25 16.50 19.50 19.37 23.25		22.75 18.75 23.50 24.56 36.38		23.00 19.90 26.75 27.88 39.88
	21.25 16.50 19.66 20.00 23.25	es	22.75 19.25 23.08 24.25 36.38		23.00 20.50 26.50 27.12 39.63
molasses	21.25 16.50 21.00 20.00 20.25	(hydrol) molasse	22.19 18.94 22.85 24.25 32.40		22.87 20.13 26.00 27.50 35.30
Citrus	1959 . 1960 . 1961 . 1962 .	Corn (1959 . 1960 . 1961 . 1962 . 1963 .		1959 . 1960 . 1961 . 1962 . 1963 .

1/ Nominal August through October.

Table 4.--Price comparisons between molasses and No. 2 yellow corn at New York, Chicago and Kansas City, 1954-63 1/

	•	New York	:		Chicago			Kansas City	7
		:Molasses:						:Molasses:I	
	bu.	: 6½ gal.:	ence :	bu.	: 6½ gal.:	ence :	bu.	: $6\frac{1}{2}$ gal.:	ence
	6				Cents				
1954	185.7	77.2	+108.5	159.7	99.1	+60.6	159.2	116.7	+42.5
1955:	: 161.2	81.1	+80.1	141.4	. 98.5	+42.9	148.2	116.1	+32.1
1956:	: 169.8	109.5	+60.3	145.2	130.0	+15.2	149.7	136.4	+13.3
1957:	: 156.8	163.7	-6.9	129.2	199.3	-70.1	130.4	. 204.2	-73.8
1958:	: 156.3	3 115.0	+ 41.3	125.5	123.1	+2.4	120.0	127.4	-7.4
1959:		-	+47.6	122.5		+15.4	117.3		+6.3
1960:			+54.8	115.6		+22.7	113.6	-	+10.5
1961:			+39.6	113.1		+0.4	112.4	•	- 12.9
1962:			+39.4	112.8		-5.0	115.0		-14.5
1963:	: 155.0	143.8	+11.2	126.0	170.8	-44.8	125.4	177.7	- 52.3

MOLASSES AND CORN PRICES

The price relationship between molasses and corn was even less favorable for molasses in 1963 than in 1962. In fact, it was the least favorable it has been for any year since 1957. \bot

The cost of 6 1/2 gallons of molasses went up 41.2 cents in New York, 53 cents in Chicago, and 48.2 cents in Kansas City for 1963. At the same time, the cost of a bushel of corn advanced only 13 cents in New York, 13.2 cents in Chicago, and 10.4 cents in Kansas City.

Consequently, molasses costs for 1963 were 52.3 cents above corn in Kansas City, and 44.8 cents higher in Chicago, but were 11.2 cents less than the cost of corn in New York.

^{1/} A "rule of thumb" measure -- 6 1/2 gallons of molasses are about equivalent in carbohydrate value to one bushel of corn -- is widely used to compare the carbohydrate value of molasses and corn. This measure is based on experiments conducted to evaluate the energy produced from one bushel of corn and the amount of molasses required to produce the same amount of energy.

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FIGURE 2

Table 6.--Feed and industrial molasses: Mainland production, inshipments, imports, and exports, 1952-63

•		Mair	nland pr	oduction				re shipme e mainlar	
Year	Cane :	Beet :	efiners: olack- : strap :	Citrus:	Hydrol <u>2</u> /	Total	Hawaii	Puerto Rico	Total
: 1952: 1953: 1954: 1955:	51,901 48,682 46,050 49,187 38,067	38,583 47,628 52,351 52,061 51,955	36,221 36,123 31,836 32,954 40,303	1,000 9,333 7,382 8,804 8,422 7,878	gallons 18,063 18,792 17,873 15,502 16,851	154,101 158,607 156,914 158,126 155,054	37,942 47,558 46,530 50,413 49,401	52,252 32,651 37,558 44,232 34,726	90,194 80,209 84,088 94,645 84,127
1957: 1958: 1959: 1960:	42,532 40,300 42,826 46,686 60,075	63,171 67,324 76,920 79,079 98,211	39,370 40,012 40,333 40,686 45,812	10,474 6,328 7,669 5,155 5,949	16,249 20,336 21,494 23,324 23,153	171,796 174,300 189,242 194,930 233,200	54,140 43,974 60,239 49,692 50,6'53	20,439 26,611 24,238 30,289 38,618	74,579 70,585 84,477 79,981 89,271
1962: 1963 3 :	65,274 <u>3</u> 93,000		47,132 47,605	9,581 5,400	23,595 27,939	236,582 289,944	54,911 51,563	27,471 30,000	82,382 81,563
:			U.S.	imports			: Mainl	and: AT	railable
Year :	Cuba.	: Dominica : Republic	IVIE.	xico :	Other	Total	: expor	1t.s •	applies
1952: 1953: 1954: 1955:	186,676 291,352 202,940 232,696 232,329	26,1 23,5 34,5	199 516 573	1,00 21,547 31,829 37,810 43,277 29,820	0 gallons- 59,952 61,385 76,142 67,266 58,288	- 296,1 410,7 340,4 377,8 352,0	65 1 .08 2 .12 4	897 -,563 +,843 +,863 879	539,519 648,018 576,567 625,720 590,391
1957: 1958: 1959: 1960:	117,471 188,428 90,497 228,643 12,417	24,7 7 47,2 8 62,2	761 . 426 . 281 .	40,059 46,539 61,651 75,635 70,807	52,217 74,580 82,563 83,087 123,437	231,5 334,3 282,1 449,6 260,4	08 2 37 2 46 3	2,545 2,166 2,372 3,032 2,220	475,366 577,027 553,484 721,525 580,746
1962: 1963:	3	3 51,7 - 42,9		63,987 93,175	148,368 134,026	264,0 270,1			3/580,762 3/636,159

^{1/} Year harvested basis.

Source: Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Bureau of the Census, Florida Citrus Processors Association, Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, and Price-Waterhouse and Company.

^{2/} Prior to 1955 estimated by multiplying total domestic dextrose sales and exports by a constant, assuming 2.58 gallons of hydrol per 100 pounds of dextrose.

^{3/} Estimated.

^{4/} Do not include exports from Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

SUPPLIES

Molasses supplies available for feed and industrial use in the Continental United States during 1963 were estimated at 636 million gallons. This was 55 million gallons, or about $9\frac{1}{2}$ percent, more than the previous year. It also was the third largest supply on record, being exceeded only by 722 million gallons in 1960 and 648 million gallons in 1953.

Greater mainland production of molasses accounted for most of the overall increase in supplies. Mainland production comprised—for the first time on record—a larger percentage of total supplies than imports. Increasing mainland production and imports from foreign countries during the past 3 years have more than compensated for the loss of Cuba as a major source of molasses for the United States.

Although molasses supplies for 1963 were comparatively large, the quantity offered at times was relatively small. This holding tendency on the part of distributors was most evident during the first half of the year and reflected concern about the availability of supplies. Preliminary estimates of 1962 cane molasses production had been revised downward. Citrus molasses output was expected to be smaller due to freeze damage to orange and grapefruit crops in Florida. Too, the forecast called for smaller Hawaiian molasses production in 1963. Uncertainty about imports added further complications to the supply situation. Imports of molasses in 1962--although larger than 1961--were well below the 10-year average. Also, competition for world molasses supplies was expected to be much stiffer in 1963, particularly from Europe. However, offerings became more liberal the last 6 months of the year when the supply picture began to clear up. Imports kept pace with the previous year, and production of record cane and beet molasses crops seemed assured.

Domestic Supplies

Nearly 372 million gallons of the total 1963 molasses supply came from domestic sources--290 million gallons from mainland production and 82 million gallons from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Total mainland production was about 53 million gallons larger than in 1962. Large acreages devoted to sugarcane and sugar beets in 1963 point to continued high domestic production of molasses in 1964, barring unfavorable weather conditions.

Mainland mills produced an estimated 93 million gallons of cane molasses in 1963. This was 42 percent more than the previous year and reflected record sugarcane production in both Florida and Louisiana. With sugar beet production at an all-time high in 1963, output of beet molasses was estimated at a record 116 million gallons—25 million gallons more than the revised estimate of 91 million gallons produced in 1962. Refiners' blackstrap production, 47.6 million gallons, was only slightly larger, while output of almost 28 million gallons of hydrol molasses ran some 4 million gallons larger than in 1962. With the smaller citrus crop in Florida, production of citrus molasses dropped to about 5.4 million gallons or nearly 4.2 million gallons less than in 1962.

Hawaiian molasses production in 1963 was estimated at about 55 million gallons--2 million gallons less than in 1962. Shipments of some 51 million

gallons to the mainland ran about 3 million gallons below the previous year. Puerto Rico produced over 61 million gallons of molasses, or around 5.3 million more than the year before. Shipments to the United States went up about 2.5 million gallons and totaled around 30 million. At the same time, exports from Puerto Rico to other countries increased to nearly 16 million gallons in 1963, or almost 3 million gallons more than in 1962.

Imports

Molasses imported into the Continental United States during 1963 totaled 270 million gallons. This was about 6 million gallons more than the previous year, but was still well below average for the past 10 years.

Mexico and the Dominican Republic remained this country's two largest foreign suppliers of molasses. Imports from Mexico increased about 29 million gallons in 1963, but shipments from the Dominican Republic were down almost 9 million gallons. Imports from all other foreign countries—although 14 million gallons less than in 1962—were the second largest for any year on record.

Imports from such normal suppliers as Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the French West Indies, British Guiana, The Netherlands, The Philippines, and Mauritius dropped substantially in 1963. Shipments from more recent suppliers such as India, Pakistan, the United Arab Republic (Egypt), and the Malagasy Republic also were lower than in 1962.

On the other hand, imports from Canada, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Peru rose sharply in 1963. The most significant increase, however, was in imports from the Republic of South Africa which ran three times larger than in 1962. Another notable change from 1962 was the addition of Venezuela, Brazil, El Salvador, Australia, and Mozambique to the list of countries from which the United States imported molasses.

About 26 percent of the molasses imported into the United States during 1963 came through the New Orleans customs district. The percentage coming into the country through New York and Galveston—the other two major molasses importing customs districts—was 5 percent less than the previous year in New York but about the same in Galveston. Imports through the Massachusetts, Buffalo, Florida, Sabine, and San Francisco districts were notably smaller than in 1962, but most other customs districts handled more incoming molasses in 1963.

Exports

The United States exported 21.4 million gallons of molasses in 1963--5.5 million gallons from the mainland and 15.9 million directly from Puerto Rico. Exports were about 40 percent larger than in 1962 and the largest since 1959. About three-fourths of total U. S. molasses exported went from Puerto Rico. Most of the balance was shipped from the mainland through the San Diego and Washington customs districts.

The United Kingdom--traditionally our largest customer--took about 42 percent of the molasses exported from the United States in 1963. Substantial quantities went to Canada and The Netherlands, but shipments ran sharply less than the previous year. Belgium and Luxembourg, West Germany, Ireland and Japan took a significant quantity for the first time.

Production, exports and shipments to the Continental United States from principal supplying areas, 1947-63 Table 5.--Molasses:

		Cuba	ė e	Puerto Rico			Hawaii	
Year	Production:	: Exports to to :United State	Ω (Ω	: Shipments n: to :United States	Exports to other countries	:Production:	Shipments to U. S. mainland	: Exports : to other : countries
	•••			1,000 gal	gallons			
1947	: 299,400				ı	48,768	37,461	ı
1948	: 332,000				4,441	43,515	44,271	1
1949	: 291,599				5,603	43,006	42,523	ı
1950	: 262,365	5 186,784			6,658	41,381	41,076	355
1951	: 288,62			49,951	1,528	44,723	41,572	I
1952	: 397,900) 186,676	69,800		4,021	44,041	37,942	505
1953	: 278,300				13,258	51,319	47,558	ı
1954	367,754				7,923	51,759	46,530	ı
1955	: 429,23				6,033	51,052	50,413	ı
1956	324,460	232,329	56,899	34,726	6,765	52,644	49,401	1,916
1957	: 253,265				19,402	52,340	54,140	ı
1958	: 310,600	188,428			10,157	52,768	43,974	4,642
1959	: 314,300				19,239	56,849	60,239	7,771
1960	: 287,206	228,	58,474	30,289	15,162	50,817	49,695	I
1961	:2/320,000	12,417	62,372		8,224	56,423	50,653	I
1962	.: <u>2</u> /210,000 .: 180,000	€ O	56,200 61,548	27,471	13,014	57,372 55,373	54,911 51,563	1 1

Includes 131.7 million gallons of high-test molasses in 1954, 231.5 million in 1955, 111.4 million in 1956, 79.6 million in 1958, 4.8 million each in 1959 and 1960, and an estimated 2 million in 1961. Estimated.

Puerto Rico, California and Hawaiian Sugar Corporation, Ltd., and the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association. Source: Bureau of the Census, Cuban Sugar Stabilization Institute, Association of Sugar Producers of

Table 7.--Molasses, inedible: U.S. imports by country of origin, 1959-63

Country of origin :	1963	: 1962	: 1961 :	1960	: 1959
:			-1,000 gallons		
Canada	2,256	549	722	1,534	2,523
Mexico:	93,175	63,987	70,807	75,635	61,651
British Honduras:	390	391	214	771	503
Nicaragua	4,517	3.172	1,704	2,075	3,030
Cuba	-	3	12,417	228,643	90,497
Jamaica	17,317	21,753	17,313	22,335	10,170
Haiti:	3,530	4,176	5,394	2,942	2,921
Dominican Republic	42,926	51,705	53,834	62,281	47,426
Leeward & Windward Islands	_	_	1,165	442	
Barbados	4,398	5,532	2,331	4,523	2,395
Trinidad & Tobago:	9,188	<u>1</u> / 10,988	6,395	2,690	7,358
French West Indies	6,511	8,053	8,805	4,568	2,530
British Guiana	3,570	<u>1</u> / 7,501	3,045	289	2,942
Ecuador	6,813	4,010	1,232	2,106	300
Peru	21,243	19,228	9,201	5,629	4,709
Venezuela:	872		7,201	7,027	4,707
Brazil	1,833	_	_	_	
El Salvador	1,286	_	_	_	_
United Kingdom	103	_	_	_	_
Netherlands	593	2,211	4,486	2,360	2,225
France	9,390	<u>1</u> / 9,319	23,927	5,244	9,348
Poland	9,390	±/ 7,515	2),721	978	7,340
Spain	_	_	_	7/0	6 702
Turkey	-	-	-	5.585	6,793
· ·	-	-	0 006	. ,	-
Rumania	7 /26	, 510	8,886	4,660	- 100
India	1,426	4,518	-	-	4,488
Pakistan	_	1,774	. 0/5	0 057	1,197
Indonesia:	-	-	4,065	2,276	2,207
Philippines:	11,858	15,625	7,165	6 ,406	5,708
Taiwan (Formosa)	-	719	590	5,674	11,216
Australia:	1,767	_		-	-
UAR (Egypt)		8,533	1,822	-	-
Mauritius:	7,567	13,353	7,476	-	-
Mozambique:	2,008	-	-	-	-
Malagasy Republic	-	1,613	1,564	-	-
Republic of South Africa:	15,590	5,350	5,935	-	-
:					
Total:	270,127	<u>1</u> /264,063	260,495	449,646	282,137
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^{1/} Revised.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 8.--Molasses, inedible: U. S. exports by country of destination, 1959-63 $\underline{1}/$

Country	1963	:	1962	:	1961	:	1960	:	1959
	1,000 gallons								
Canada	3,726)	6,939		4,440		3,050		2,113
Iceland		}	170		30		_		- 19
United Kingdom	8,886)	575		5,916		11,729		13,833
Ireland	760)	3		4		-		_
Netherlands	2,384		7,489		-		3,411		3,408
Belgium & Luxembourg	2,411		_		_		-		1,613
France	-		-		4		-		8,160
West Germany	2,102)	-		-		-		_
India	118		-		1		-		-
Japan	813	3	1		_		-		-
Republic of South Africa	: 34	+	47		-		-		-
Other	15	5	55		49		4		236
Total	21,398	3	15,279		10,444		18,194		29,382

^{1/} Includes exports from Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 9.--Molasses, inedible: U. S. imports by customs districts, 1959-63

Customs districts :	1963	: 1962	: 1961 :	1960 :	1959
:		_	-1,000 gallons-		
Maine and New Hampshire	406	133	75	35	34
Vermont	466	45	_	7	<i>74</i>
Massachusetts:	2,617	3,474	2,309	4,788	2,196
Connecticut:	6,402	3,779	14,683	12,582	9,598
St. Lawrence	_	_		549	7,770
Buffalo:	3,493	4,100	2,045	6.204	6,968
New York	43,045	1/ 54,680	66,606	57,282	43,783
Philadelphia:	10,316	7,658	5,539	111,702	20,898
Maryland	19,361	14,659	14,260	15,813	8,966
Virginia:	4,897	3,408	4,030	3,359	4,373
North Carolina	3,460	2,749	4,716	4,212	1,7
Georgia	3,365	~, , + /	1,264	3,180	5,301
Florida	3,423	3,804	7,401	7.172	2,534
Mobile	9,193	8,405	5,580	16,204	1,904
New Orleans	70,885	70,344	54,895	115,918	17,628
Sabine	1,582	2,168	1,951	· .	89,309
Galveston	35,567	<u>1</u> / 35,140	26,743	1,841	1,592
Laredo	79	102	, , , , ,	33,211	31,671
El Paso	7,173	7,165	1,427	2,272	1,892
Arizona	3,381	3,751	6,479 3,660	6,817	3,944
Los Angeles	18,936	18,632	- /	5,567	1,711
San Diego	6,624	4,655	22,720	26,553	14,736
San Francisco	8,919	. ,	7 050	10 20	- //0
Montana and Idaho	0,919	11,579	7,852	10,360	7,662
Dakota	817	10	_	2	80
Duluth and Superior		/	-	155	431
	208	2004	-	-	84
Michigan	19	206		- 0.000	8
Ohio	5,493	3,410	6,260	3,827	4,834
Oregon:	_	_	-	34	-
Total :	000 300	7 /0/ 1 015	0/0 105		
Total:	270,127	<u>1</u> /264,063	260,495	449,646	282,137

1/ Revised.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 10.--Molasses, inedible: U. S. exports by customs districts, 1959-63

Customs districts :	1963 :	1962	: 1961 :	1960 :	1959
:			1,000 gallons-	_	
Puerto Rico:	15,923	13,014	8,224	15,162	19,239
St. Lawrence:	´ -	_	33	7	_
Massachusetts	145	_	_	_	-
Buffalo:	_	12	79	3	_
Vew York	169	222	58	_	23
Florida	_	_	_	561	_
Michigan	99	168	232	74	26
Dakota	_	3	_	12	15
Montana and Idaho	tone	7	48	110	7
Laredo	1	12	19	_	_
San Diego	3,140	36	3	4.	_
San Francisco	188	1	_	_	_
	1.729	1,798	1,740	2,261	1.696
Washington	1,127	-,770		~,~~-	7,771
Hawaii		6	g	_	605
Other	4	O	O	_	00)
	27 200	15 270	10 ///	10 10/	20 202
Total	21,398	15,279	10,444	18,194	29,382

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 11.--Molasses: Estimated utilization, United States, 1952-63

	:		Indus	trial		:Mixed feeds,:	
Year	:	spirits	l: Yeast, : citric acid: and vinegar:	cals and edi-	-: Total	:direct feed-:	Total utili- zation
				Million gal	llons		
1952 1953 1954 1955	. :	169.2 208.4 87.8 121.3 111.9	53.0 55.0 60.0 65.0 70.0	7.0 8.0 10.0 12.0 14.0	229.2 271.4 157.8 198.3 195.9	310.3 376.6 418.8 427.4 394.5	539.5 648.0 576.6 625.7 590.4
1957 1958 1959 1960	.:	59.2 61.7 35.3 69.0 8.5	70.0 70.0 71.0 74.0 70.4	14.0 15.0 15.0 3/ 37.0 47.1	143.2 146.7 121.3 180.0 126.0	332.2 430.3 432.2 541.5 454.7	475.4 577.0 553.5 721.5 580.7
1962 1963 <u>4</u> /		5.7 5.0	79.8 92.0	38.7 47.5	124.2 144.5	•	580.8 636.2

^{1/} Includes molasses used in making ethyl alcohol, butyl and acetone prior to 1959, and molasses used in distillation in Puerto Rico.

UTILIZATION

Molasses available for feed and industrial use in the United States in 1963 was estimated at 636 million gallons. This was $9\frac{1}{2}$ percent more than in 1962, and the third largest of record.

Molasses used in the United States and Puerto Rico for the production of alcohol and distilled spirits during 1963 declined to about 5 million gallons—some 700,000 gallons less than the previous year and the least for any year on record.

Manufacturers of yeast, citric acid, and vinegar used an estimated 92 million gallons of molasses, or about 12 million more than in 1962. Molasses used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and edible molasses increased to an estimated 47.5 million gallons. This was about 8.8 million more than a year earlier.

The quantity of molasses remaining for livestock feeding and mixed feeds stood at nearly 492 million gallons—35 million gallons more than in 1962. This does not take into consideration, however, the quantity of molasses in stocks. Therefore, the actual quantity of molasses used for feed may vary considerably from the amount available for this purpose.

^{2/} Molasses utilized in feeds is a residual item, calculated by subtracting molasses used industrially from total mainland supplies without considering changes in stocks.

^{3/} Pharmaceutical utilization not considered prior to 1960.

^{4/} Estimated.

Table 12.--Molasses used in the production of alcohol and distilled spirits, United States and Puerto Rico, by months, 1959-63

Month:	1963	: 1962	:	1961	:	1960	1959
]	,000 gall	ons		
January:	288	239	9	1,031		2,356	3,162
February:	395	1,250		1,114		684	3,621
March:	282	476		1,626		4,083	4,573
April:	684	1,30		2,087		8,679	4,903
May:		16		881		8,229	5,200
June:	258	10		319		7,978	4,549
July:	137	640		125		6,819	1,751
August:		330		226		5,053	1,844
September:	757	28		255		3,366	1,677
October:	235	23	5	210		1,355	1,642
November:	157	450		394		1,302	801
December 1/:	156	24		198		764	1,600
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Total:	5,000	5,73	7	8,466		50,668	35,323
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<u>l</u>/ Estimated.

Source: Internal Revenue Service

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